

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

ANTONIO ARANT,  
Plaintiff,

v.

Dr. BUNNER, *et al.*,  
Defendants.

Case No. C04-5663JKA

ORDER

This Civil Rights action is before the undersigned Magistrate Judge by consent. (Dkt. # 23). Before the court are defendant's motion to dismiss (Dkt. # 29) and plaintiff's motion to compel. (Dkt. # 33).

Defendants contend this action is barred by a running of the statute of limitations. Defendants are in error. In Washington state the statute of limitations is three years. Rose v. Rinaldi, 654 F.2d 546 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1981).

The alleged facts which form the basis for this action occurred on October 29 and November 1<sup>st</sup>, of 2001. This action was commenced when plaintiff filed for *in forma pauperis* status and lodged a proposed complaint with the court on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The fact that the court did not file the proposed complaint until November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004 is irrelevant. The court considers the filing date to be

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1 the date a proposed complaint was lodged with the court. The motion to dismiss is **DENIED**.

2 The next motion is plaintiff's motion to compel the Attorney General's Office to represent  
3 Dr. Bunner, one of the defendant's in this case. (Dkt. # 33). Dr, Bunner no longer works for the  
4 Department of Correction and the attempt to serve him by United States Mail was not successful.  
5 As he has not been served he has apparently not requested the Attorney General's Office represent  
6 him in this action. Plaintiff's attempt to compel the Assistant Attorney General assigned to this  
7 action to representing the defendant is improper. The motion is **DENIED**.

8 There are two other issues the court needs to address. On April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004 plaintiff filed a  
9 reply to a reply. (Dkt. # 32). There is no such pleading. For each motion there may be a motion a  
10 brief an opposition called a response and a reply by the party that originally filed the motion. As a  
11 general rule pleadings after the reply are not considered by the Court.

12 The final issue is plaintiff's attempt to change the case caption to reflect the case as being  
13 assigned to Judge Burgess. The file reflects the parties consented to a Magistrate Judge. (Dkt. #  
14 23). Thus the proper case number is 4-5663JKA.

15 The clerk is directed to send a copy of this order to plaintiff and counsel for defendant's.  
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17 DATED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005  
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19 /S/ J. Kelley Arnold  
20 J Kelley Arnold  
21 United States Magistrate Judge  
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